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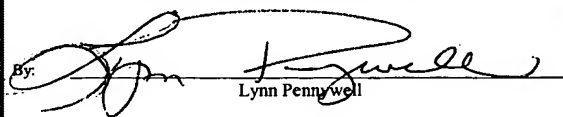
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PARTICLES, METHOD AND
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PALLADIUM-CONTAINING DEVICES
MADE THEREFROM"

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) **AMENDMENT**

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified U.S. Patent Application, Applicants request entry of the following preliminary amendment.

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 of this letter.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.